Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023 at 00:03

Confidence: High for the cold start, then milder and unsettled from later Wednesday morning, but lowering confidence for the detail of cloud, regime transitions and snow levels.

Headline for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023: Summit snow from late morning, transitioning to rain during the afternoon. Southerly winds strengthening.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Sleet	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	30%	70%	80%	90%	70%

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Weather: After a bright start cloud soon thickening and lowering from the west during the morning to bring patchy snow and sleet across summits, rain elsewhere, from around late morning. Outbreaks becoming heavier during the afternoon, with any snow or sleet turning to rain as freezing level lifts above all peaks.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 80% becoming 30% late morning, 10% or less for the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in summit snow and within cloud, with bases increasingly lowering 400-500m during the morning, becoming widespread for the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	8/10 S	13/18 S	19/25 S	24/32 S	21/30 S	20/28 S	23/32 S
300	5/9 S	8/16 S	10/22 S	13/27 S	14/28 S	12/25 S	13/27 SW
Valley	3/4 E	2/7 SE	6/16 S	6/15 SE	12/28 S	9/24 S	11/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	-0/-4	0/-5	2/-4	3/-3	4/-2	5/0	6/1
300	1/-2	3/-0	4/0	5/1	5/1	7/4	8/5
Valley	0/-1	3/1	5/2	5/3	6/2	7/5	8/6
Freezing Level*	300m	500m	900m	1600m	1700m	1700m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Hill fog quite extensive from mid-day.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Wed 15 Mar 2023	1.4mm	23.6mm	49.8mm

Forecast for Thursday 16 Mar 2023

Weather: Overcast with periods of light rain at first, perhaps turning heavy at times in the afternoon, this combined with possible summit gales brings difficult conditions. Improving for the evening with a mix of showers and cloud breaks spreading from the west.

Maximum wind: South to southwest mean 40 mph at first with gusts reaching 50 mph at times across most exposed ridges and summits. Winds easing gradually from late morning.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: Close to nil for much of the day, perhaps becoming 40% for the evening across eastern peaks.

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly poor visibility through the day in rain, very poor within cloud, with bases extensive from 400m at first, occasionally so in the showery flow from evening.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 8 Celsius increasing Plus 11 Celsius during the afternoon
At 600m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above all peaks

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